

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the carryover paragraph from page 12 to 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Within cylinder 100 a food grade plastic spacer 120 is positioned against the interior surface of end wall 106. Spacer 120 includes a central bearing 122 and includes an annular wall portion 124 defining a disk retaining space 126. A food grade plastic collar 128 is received in stainless steel bearing 122 and on one end thereof has a driven magnetic disk 130 secured thereto. As seen by also referring to Fig. 13, a stainless steel disk 130 includes a plurality of permanent magnets 131 arranged on a metal ring 132. Ring 132 is secured to disk 130 within an annular groove 134 thereof as defined by walls 135. A plastic collar or ring cover ring 136 is secured to walls 135 around a top perimeter thereof for sealably enclosing magnets 131 and ring 132 within annular groove 134. Magnets 131 of disk 130 are positioned to face and lie closely adjacent the interior surface of end wall 106. --

Alternatively, if the drawing amendment change submitted herewith with respect to the reference numeral 613 in Figure 27 is not acceptable, it is proposed to amend the specification by deleting the reference to the numeral "613" on page 25.

Thus, alternatively please replace paragraph 2 on page 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As seen by referring to Fig.'s 27 and 28, a further improved and preferred embodiment of a carbonator of the present invention is seen and generally indicated by the numeral 600.

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Carbonator 600 is of the same general design as previously described carbonator 224 and includes a cylinder 602 having an bottom end 604, a perimeter side wall 606 and a top open end defined by a perimeter edge 608. As with carbonator 224, a plastic disk or plug 610 is retained in the top end of cylinder 602 by a spring wire 612 and sealed therein by an o-ring 613 extending around a perimeter thereof. Further, as with carbonator 224, a retaining wire 612 is bent into a rectangular configuration that is retained in grooves 614 of disk 610, and includes four corner portions 612a for insertion through holes 616 extending through side wall 606 adjacent edge 608. Also, as previously described with respect to carbonator 224, wire 612 includes two vertical ends 612b for effecting release of disk 610 from carbonator 600. --